

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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KOMLA GANU et al.,

Plaintiffs,

-v.-

METROPOLITAN COLLEGE OF NEW YORK  
et al.,

Defendants.  
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ORDER

07 Civ. 9899 (VM) (GWG)

**GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN, United States Magistrate Judge**

1. The above-referenced action has been referred to this Court for general pre-trial purposes, which includes all pre-trial applications (including those relating to discovery), except motions to dismiss or for judgment on the pleadings, for injunctive relief, for summary judgment, or for class certification. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A).

2. All discovery (including requests for admission and any applications to the Court with respect to the conduct of discovery) must be initiated in time to be concluded by the deadline for all discovery. All applications to the Court must comply with this Court's Individual Practices, which are available through the Clerk's Office or at:  
[http://www1.nysd.uscourts.gov/judge\\_info.php?id=67](http://www1.nysd.uscourts.gov/judge_info.php?id=67)

3. Discovery motions -- that is, any application pursuant to Rules 26 through 37 or 45 -- not only must comply with ¶ 2.A. of the Court's Individual Practices but also must be made promptly after the cause for such a motion arises. In addition, absent extraordinary circumstances no such application will be considered if made later than 30 days prior to the close of discovery. Untimely applications will be denied.

4. Any application for an extension of the time limitations with respect to any deadlines in this matter must be made as soon as the cause for the extension becomes known to the party making the application. The application also must state the position of all other parties on the proposed extension and must show good cause therefor not foreseeable as of the date of this Order. "Good cause" as used in this paragraph does not include circumstances within the control of counsel or the party. Any application not in compliance with this paragraph will be denied. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may also result in sanctions.

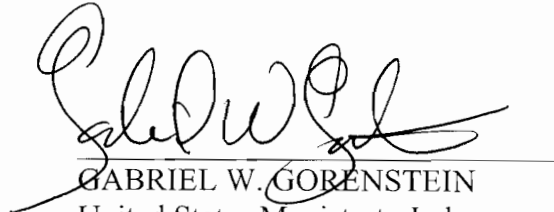
5. The parties are required to make affirmative attempts to settle this matter through discussions among counsel. If the parties are unable to settle the case by such means, they are required to use mediation to assist them in achieving settlement. Such mediation may be

conducted by an outside mediator paid for by the parties, a trained mediator participating in the Southern District of New York's mediation program, or the undersigned. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, the parties are directed to contact each other in an attempt to reach agreement as to (a) which form of mediation will be employed and (b) approximately when the mediation should take place. Plaintiff shall write a letter to the undersigned within 30 days of the date of this Order to report on the outcome of these discussions. If opposing counsel believes the letter does not accurately reflect those discussions, counsel may promptly submit a letter in response.

6. If a recipient of this Order is aware of any attorneys or parties who should receive notice of Court action in this case other than any attorneys or parties currently listed on the ECF system (or listed below, if applicable), please notify Deputy Clerk Sylvia Gonzalez at (212) 805-4260 immediately.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 5, 2008  
New York, New York



GABRIEL W. GORENSTEIN  
United States Magistrate Judge